

SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS

GRADES 6-7 WORLD REGIONAL STUDIES

HISTORY

- Use questions about historically significant people or events to explain the impact on a region.

CIVICS

- Explain specific roles played by citizens (such as voters, jurors, taxpayers, members of the armed forces, petitioners, protesters, and officeholders).
- Assess specific rules and laws (both actual and proposed) as means of addressing public problems.
- Compare historical and contemporary means of changing societies and promoting the common good.

ECONOMICS

- Explain how economic decisions affect the well-being of individuals, businesses, and society.
- Evaluate alternative approaches or solutions to current economic issues in terms of benefits and costs for different groups and society as a whole.
- Explain how changes in supply and demand cause changes in prices and quantities of goods and services, labor, credit, and foreign currencies.
- Analyze the role of innovation and entrepreneurship in a market economy.
- Describe the roles of institutions such as corporations, nonprofits, and labor unions in a market economy.
- Explain barriers to trade and how those barriers influence trade among nations.
- Explain the benefits and the costs of trade policies to individuals, businesses, and society.

GEOGRAPHY

- Construct maps to represent and explain the pattern of cultural and environmental characteristics in our world.
- Use maps, satellite images, photographs, and other representations to explain relationships between the locations of places and regions, and changes in their environmental characteristics.
- Explain how cultural patterns and economic decisions influence environments and the daily lives of people.
- Analyze the cultural and environmental characteristics that make places both similar to and different from one another.
- Explain the connections between the physical and human characteristics of a region and the identity of individuals and cultures living there.
- Explain how changes in transportation and communication technology influence human settlements and affect the diffusion of ideas and cultural practices.
- Analyze how relationships between humans and environments extend or contract settlement and movement.
- Evaluate the influences of long-term, human-induced environmental change on conflict and cooperation.
- Analyze the ways in which cultural and environmental characteristics vary among various regions of the world.
- Explain how the relationship between the environmental characteristics of places and the production of goods influences the world trade.
- Explain how global changes in population distribution affect changes in land use in particular regions.